For repair of NH-28A between Pipra Kothi and Raxaul, NHAI has sanctioned Rs. 34 lakhs under ordinary repair during the current year.

(b) Though some stretches of NH-28A are damaged due to recent rains, the National Highways connecting Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Pipra Kothi and Raxaul are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) With execution of repair works on NH-28, 28A and IRQP work on NH-77, the condition of these roads is likely to improve further.

National Highways in Kerala

2629. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala;

(b) the extent to which it has been converted into four lane;

(c) the details of the plan, if any, to convert the entire National Highways in Kerala into four lane; and

(d) by when the plan is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala is 1547 kms.

(b) 52 kms length of National Highway No. 47 has been converted into four lane.

(c) and (d) There is no plan to convert the entire length of National Highways in kerala State into four lane as the same will be done in a phased manner depending upon traffic volume subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority of works. However, the following stretches of national Highways in Kerala have been identified for four laning under National Highways Development Project (NHDP):—

(i) 168 kms NH-47 (Salem-Kochi spur) has been included as part of North-South corridor under NHDP Phase-II and 10 km as part of

Kochi Port Connectivity Project. These are targeted for completion by 2008.

(ii) 221 kms of NH-47 from Cherthalai to Kerala/Tamil Nadu Border is included under NHDP Phase-IIIA on build Operate & Transfer (B.O.T.) basis and is targeted for completion by December, 2009.

(iii) 435 kms of NH-17 from Karnataka/Kerala Border to Eddapally is identified under NHDP Phase-IIIB on BOT basis. Approval has been coveyed to NHAI for initiating advance action in form of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for NHDP Phase-IIIB.

National Highways Development in Assam

2630. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways development involving four laning under the road development plan is still non-started in Assam portion;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Total length of 690 km of National Highway has been taken up in Assam for four laning as part of East-West Corridor, out of which a length of 19 km has already been widened to 4 lanes. The work is in progress/awarded or Letter of Acceptance issued in 453 km. Remaining length of 218 km is yet to be awarded. The work is targeted to be completed by 2008.

Four-Lane National Highway in Goa

2631. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a four-lane National Highway in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.